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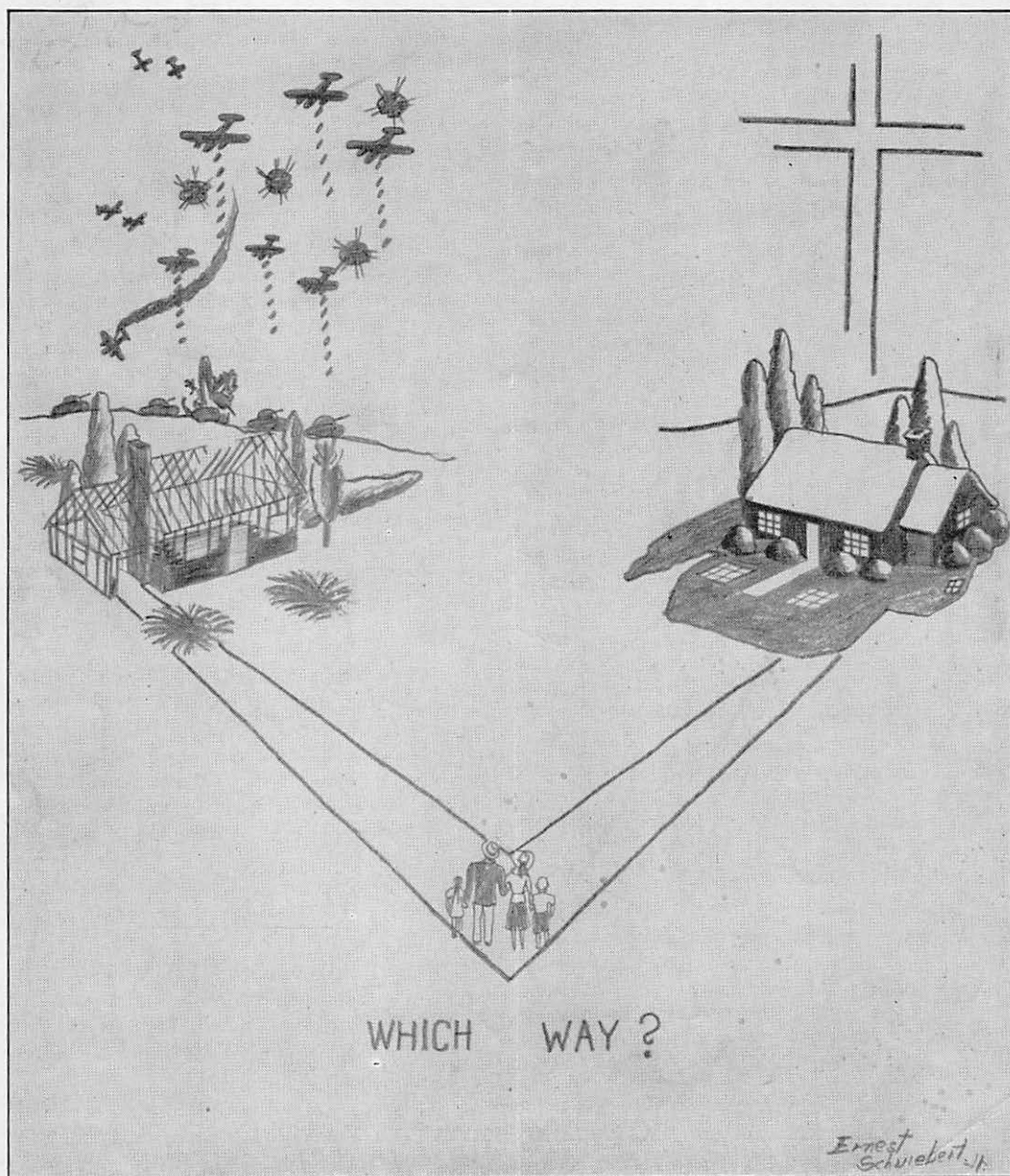
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## ADDRESS AT VICTORY CONVOCATION ---

August 15, 1945

**T**HERE can be little doubt that the first fifteen days of the month of August in the year of our Lord, 1945, will be remembered by the hearts and minds of men as long as time endures. Suddenly the cup of history, filled with men's plans and hopes and failures, with tears and separation and fear, overflowed, and the channels of life turned in new directions.

Two events brought about this change. First, there is the immediate occasion for this convocation. We are at the end of the military phase of the world crisis. This is the hour for which we have been waiting since December 7, 1941. We now have the blessed and happy assurance that no more of our boys will be called upon to die in far and distant lands. It is a great and solemn hour in the history of mankind. The world is happy -- and it should be.

In the judgment of history, however, the other event will probably loom even larger. We suddenly learned of the discovery of the use of the energy locked in the atom. We came face to face with the secret, mysterious power of the universe. On the morning of July 16 awestruck scientists watched this new power light up the New Mexico landscape with a weird and unearthly light. The flash of the first atomic bomb, however, did more than that. It suddenly threw a blinding, brilliant light over our entire world. It was a flash of lightning on a dark night. The ultimate problem of our anxious world was suddenly focused so that even the most careless could see it. We now saw the gap between the knowledge of our minds and the evil of our hearts. With it came the realization that now the issue was finally clear. This was the great either/or! We would either learn to live together or we would die together. The center of gravity had shifted from the mind of man to his heart.

For both events, I believe, we can be profoundly thankful. We now know what we must do and we have time to do it. As we face the decisive years there are certain things which we must remember. In fact, the single word "remember" might well be the solemn diapason of this hour of gratitude and joy.

May we always remember those to whom this hour comes a year or six months or a week too late! We cannot forget those who are

paying the price of our joy and to whom this day is dust and myrrh. May God be good to them and give them quietness of mind and heart in the knowledge that His ways are good even when they are dark.

We must remember the responsibility given us this day. We have less time to work out our destiny than we had two weeks ago. We shall hear much in the coming years of the staggering tasks that confront us. As we hear these confused and confusing voices we must remember that the spiritual and moral climate of the world will not be changed by conferences of the leaders of the earth. Such a change can be accomplished only by the little people of the world. Our children and children's children may bless this hour or they may curse the day when we were given a chance to build a peaceful world and lost it again. Last night there were scenes of wild rejoicing throughout America. For a moment my memory returned to November 11, 1918. I had seen all this before. In fact this is where we came in. But, I am very sure that I shall not see it again. Nor will you! There will be no celebration at the end of the next war. There will be only ruins and death.

Finally we must remember that God never does anything without a purpose. Mr. Winston Churchill, commenting on the atomic bomb, said a few days ago that it was "a secret long mercifully withheld from mankind." That word "mercifully"! This is our key to the future. Today the equal mercy of God has given us peace and power. Today He has brought the modern world to its inevitable end. What has been known as the modern era is now closed. What lies beyond He is permitting us to determine. More than ever it is up to us who are followers of our Lord Christ. May He continue to be merciful to us and to our children!

O. P. KRETZMANN.

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Mrs. Dwight Morrow once said in effect that when you believe in an organization and work for an organization, the test of your real sincerity is your willingness to go out and raise money for it.

(Quoted from the September 1945 issue of ACTION, publication of The National League of Women Voters.)

## *Announcement*

The Administrative Committee of the Valparaiso University Guild wishes to announce that the annual convention will be held on the Campus on October 19 and 20.

It is, therefore, my pleasant duty to extend to you and your friends a most cordial invitation to attend this meeting.

As this issue of the Guild Bulletin goes to press, our hearts are filled with gratitude to Almighty God who has given victory to our arms and peace to a stricken world. It is the ardent hope of your committee that you will come and join us in joyful thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

Plans for the forthcoming convention are under way. Both the business meeting and the social program are being arranged for your enjoyment.

Will you, then, as we look forward to a new Guild year, a year of peace on earth and in our hearts, accept our invitation to attend this meeting; will you come and counsel with us regarding the future of our beloved University, that it may make a lasting contribution to the welfare of our youth and of our Church; will you give us the pleasure of grasping your hand in Christian fellowship?

HEDWIG L. TAUBE, President

## **Fourteenth Annual Convention**

*All Honor, Praise, and Glory to Almighty God who has given Victory to our arms and Peace to a stricken world!*

With hearts overflowing with thankful praise the members of the Valparaiso University Guild will meet on the campus October 19 and 20 for the Fourteenth Annual Convention. Under date of August 30 the War Committee on Conventions granted our request to hold our annual meeting. The national officers met immediately upon receipt of this permission and plans for the convention are rapidly progressing.

The year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, marks the twentieth year of the University under its present administration. By resolution of the board of directors this twentieth anniversary will be observed at an all-University convocation on the evening of October 18. The board of directors and the national advisory board will be in attendance and several honorary degrees will be conferred. Members of the Guild will be most welcome at this observance.

Those who have attended previous conventions will find arrangements much the same as in former years. Hotel Lembke will again be convention headquarters and the local chapter will maintain a registration desk and information center in the hotel lobby on Friday afternoon and at the Auditorium on Saturday for the convenience of the guests.

Housing is the major problem. The Hotel will not be able to accommodate all of us and the local chapter will greatly appreciate your early registration, together with your preference for hotel or tourist reservations, so that arrangements can be made for everyone. All reservations will be handled by the local committee. It will be necessary for us to "double-up" to a large extent and it would be most helpful if you would arrange for a roommate of your choice previous to your arrival. Rooms are available to accommodate groups of three, four, five, or six persons.

Plans are still a bit indefinite but the Executive Board will meet as usual on Friday evening, October 19, at 7:30. The place will be announced later. Committees will also meet that evening. A social hour is being planned for 8:30 that evening which we hope may be held in the newly remodeled Dodge Hall.

The business sessions of the Convention begin on Saturday in the Auditorium at 9:30 a.m. We are arranging to schedule women speakers who will tell us of other interesting work being done by women. The usual reports of the year's activities will be made.

The traditional Guild Banquet will take place on Saturday evening, and we know it will be a gala occasion. Would you like to shake the wrinkles out of your formal dress after nearly four long years of war? Or if you are still "doing your bit" and too busy for

furberelows, come in your suit; but COME!

The local chapter again has a surprise up its sleeve for Sunday morning; and even if you were here last year, or the year before, it will still be a surprise. But have a pair of walking shoes and a warm coat in your bag.

Again in the traditional manner, we will gather for morning worship on Sunday morning at the University Church, the Rev. Armin C. Oldsen, pastor.

Come, then, with a heart full of joy and a song of praise. Behind us lie years of sorrow and travail; but ahead lies a new world for the making. The fashioning of that new world is one of the responsibilities of Valparaiso University and the responsibility, then, of each of us. Let us face forward with steady step, unflagging determination, and supreme faith in our destiny.

## WELCOME!

August 27, 1945

### DEAR MEMBERS OF THE GUILD:

The Guild Convention has always been an important event on the calendar of the Valparaiso chapter. We had regretfully resigned ourselves to a meeting at which the business would be of usual or greater importance, the program would be of usual or greater interest, and those who could come would be received with the usual or greater pleasure--but most of you couldn't come!

A week ago, on August 22, Mrs. Walter Hansen received a note from the War Committee on Conventions saying that her request to hold a full convention was being considered. So we are almost sure that many of you will be driving or traveling here in October after all.

To you, then, who can make the trip to Valparaiso--small group or large--Welcome! We shall be happy to see you.

Sincerely,

THE VALPARAISO CHAPTER

Lois Sohn, President.

The fame of our University and the Guild is spreading far beyond its local confines. A letter mailed in South Bend, Indiana, to an address in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, bore only a return of "Valparaiso University Guild", yet found its way within ten days to Valparaiso, Indiana, and into the mail box of the Executive Secretary!

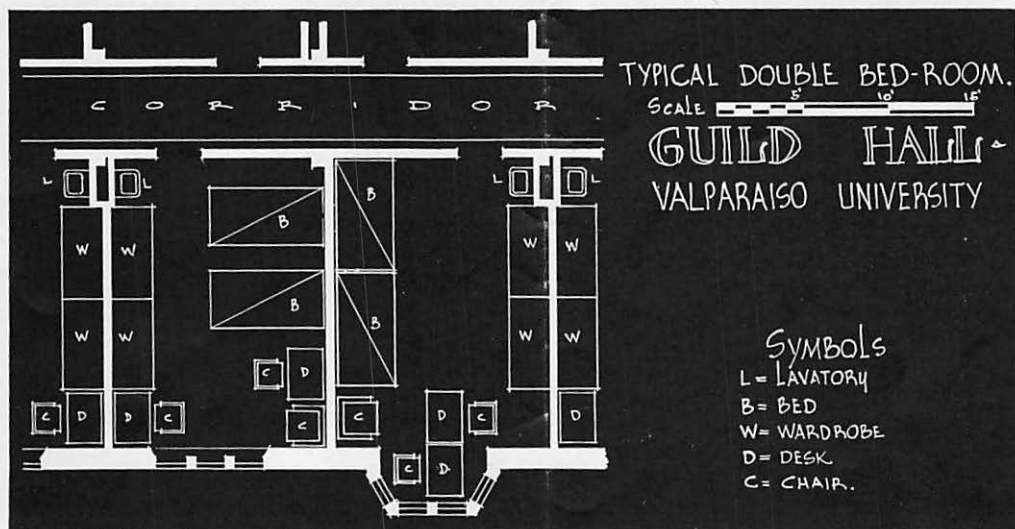
## MEMORIAL WREATHS



Memorial Wreath gifts were received through the following chapters:

Centennial Chapter:	
Mr. H. O. Neunaber.....	\$ 2.00
Chicago Chapter:	
Mrs. E. W. Tatge.....	100.00
Chicago West Chapter:	
Rev. Heerwagen.....	5.00
Carl Dais Mueller.....	5.00
Detroit Chapter:	
Kenneth Honold.....	10.00
Flint Chapter:	
Mrs. Edward Uhl.....	5.00
Fort Wayne Chapter:	
Mrs. Wilhelmina Hockemeyer.....	11.00
Mrs. Louisa Lepper.....	12.00
Pvt. Robert A. Bruick.....	10.00
Mr. Otto Bengs.....	15.00
Mrs. Martha Seabold.....	5.00
Hammond Chapter:	
Mrs. P. M. Meyn.....	5.00
Mrs. Caroline Giessler.....	7.00
Herman Baganz.....	3.00
Mrs. Martha Doege.....	6.00
Lapeer-Hadley:	
Mr. Harry Ziegler.....	5.00
Mr. Wm. Koester.....	5.00
Logansport:	
Mrs. Wm. Strahle.....	5.00
Mrs. Henry J. Nolde.....	5.00
Merrill:	
Mrs. P. Amos Gruett.....	620.00
Monroe:	
Miss Emma Stoeckert.....	46.75
Reedsburg:	
Mrs. Catherine Behn.....	6.00
Mrs. Gertrude Wirth.....	10.00
Rockford:	
Mrs. Emma Graef.....	3.00
Mr. George Rathke.....	2.00
Saginaw Chapter:	
Mr. Otto Starke.....	2.00
St. Louis:	
Jack Meilahn.....	25.00
Sheboygan:	
Mrs. Herman Mahnke.....	2.00
Arthur Littmann.....	10.00

Our cover design for this issue was drawn by Ernest Schwiebert, Jr.



Building fever around the campus has reached a high mark. Surveyor's tripods are a common sight and the architect is apt to pop up in the most unexpected places. It is delightfully exciting and exhilarating and the Guild members may share in the atmosphere by examining the accompanying plans. You will note some changes and additions which have been made since our last information was printed. Some additional gifts are available to chapters. Guild Hall will have a dining hall on the lower floor instead of the recreation room which was formerly listed and will contain a matron's suite and guest room, also new items. The list of special gifts as it now stands follows:

The first floor reception room .....	\$ 3,500.00	Saginaw, Michigan
Office .....	\$1,000.00	
First floor lobby .....	1,500.00	2,500.00 .....
Matron's suite, includes bedroom, living room, bath, kitchenette.....	1,500.00	.....
Two living rooms, one on each floor .....	2,000.00	Detroit, Michigan
	2,000.00	.....
Two combination work rooms .....	1,000.00	.....
one on each floor .....	1,000.00	.....
One guest room .....	750.00	.....
125 student rooms .....	500.00	Chicago West, Illinois
	500.00	Flint, Michigan
	500.00	Columbus, Ohio
(Memorial: Mrs. P. Amos Gruett)	500.00	Merrill, Wisconsin
(Memorial: Helen Branch Higgins)	500.00	Detroit, Michigan
	500.00	Bay City, Michigan
	500.00	Bay City, Michigan
	500.00	Lansing, Michigan
Dining room chairs and tables .....	2,500.00	.....
Silver glassware and china .....	2,500.00	.....

If other chapters have taken action but are not listed here, will they please notify the executive secretary of their choice of gift so that it may be held for them?



## Chapter Chatter

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN—The year opened with a luncheon meeting at St. John's Church in Midland. At this time seven new members were added to the roster. On November 14 a large crowd attended a bazaar and food sale and all articles were quickly sold. Following the sale a lunch was served. The event was so much enjoyed by all present that it will be repeated next year. On December 3 the annual Christmas Musicale and Tea was held at Zion School in Bay City. A very fine program was enjoyed by members and guests from all the congregations in the vicinity. In February we enjoyed another luncheon meeting at Zion School when Mrs. Carl Taylor addressed the group on the Red Cross Blood Bank and supplied much interesting and timely information on blood plasma. At this meeting six new members were received and seven guests were present. Election of officers was held at a luncheon-business meeting on May 17 at Immanuel School. Three new members were

received. All in all Bay City rejoices over a successful year.

-- Mrs. E. A. Patenge

CHICAGO WEST, ILLINOIS—Our spring meeting was a Dessert Luncheon held at the home of Mrs. H. Weiss of Melrose Park. In spite of "rationing" plans were made to hold the Annual Buffet Luncheon on June 28th at the Hillside Country Club. Our chapter also voted to sponsor one of the student rooms in Guild Hall.

-- Mrs. Ernest H. Holtorff

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN—Our fall party and sale was very successful both socially and financially. We also had a rummage sale as an "extra" on our calendar which proved very much worth while. The Christmas Musicale was very beautifully done and the free-will offering exceeded all expectations. In our spring meeting Mrs. Victor O. Mietens gave a talk on her travels in Africa just before the war. It was both entertaining and informative and was very well received. Looking back, we had a very fine year; looking



A few of the many interesting gowns appearing in "The March of the Brides", presented by the Maumee Valley Chapter at Napoleon, Ohio. From left to right: Wedding gown of Mrs. Gottlieb Kaembrin (1871) modeled by Miss Marvelyn Genuit; gown of Mrs. J. P. Keuhnert (1885) and of her granddaughter, Mrs. L. J. Plott (1939), modeled by Mrs. Plott; gown of Mrs. Luella Reiser Ulrich (1900) modeled by Mrs. Wm. Wachtmann; gown of Mrs. H. B. Wurthman (1902) modeled by Miss Marian Cordes; gown of Mrs. Fred Neusiis (1930) modeled by Mrs. Neusiis; gown of Mrs. Felix Smith (1908) modeled by Miss Juanita Maassel; gown of Mrs. George Sonnenberg (1912) modeled by Mrs. Otto Hahn.

forward we see a lot of work, but a very special goal--sponsoring the reception room for Guild Hall.

-- Mrs. C. D. Evans

MONROE, MICHIGAN—At our last bi-monthly meeting we voted to present annually to the Book Nook at Altruria Hall a subscription to the National Geographic. We have completed our Guild Hall Quota of \$600.00 and plan to make it a \$1,000. We are happy to state that we are very near this large figure.

-- Mrs. Leo J. LaTour

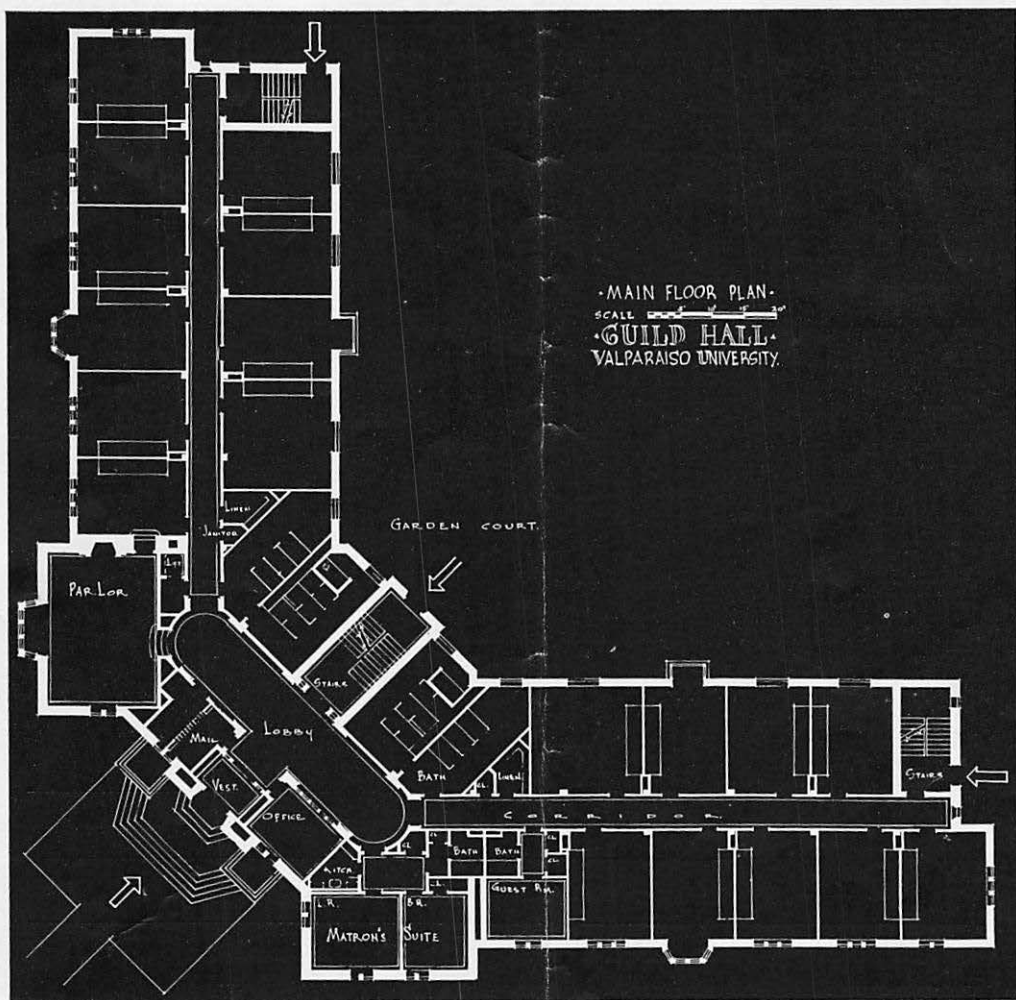
How about the Guild issuing service stripes? Mrs. Schaefer of St. Louis has been chairman of her chapter for fourteen years and Mrs. Boeger of Chicago West has lost count of her years of service. A special salute to these faithful soldiers! Are there any others with similar records?

PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN—This chapter tripled its membership in the three years it has been organized. Another salute!

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN—In their September meeting they are entertaining women students of the University who live in their community. In November they will view the University film, "Building for Tomorrow".

MAUMEE VALLEY, OHIO—The chapter closed the year with a picnic for members and their families held at a shelter house along the Maumee River. We really learned the value of a shelter house. The crowd no more than got under cover when there was a terrific downpour--and I do mean terrific. However, it did not dampen our spirits or appetite. A short informal business meeting was held and officers elected for the coming year.

-- Mrs. Paul Lankenau





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## REGISTRATION

Clip and mail the attached form not later than **October 5, 1945**, together with registration fee of \$2.50 per person which covers all social and business meetings. If you are registering for a group, please list all members of your party.

Hotel rates: \$1.50 per person provided two guests occupy a room with double bed or four guests occupy a room with two double beds; single room with bath \$2.75; single room without bath \$2.00; rooms with twin beds \$4.50 and up. Tourist rates are \$1.00 per person double. If registration is late, accommodations cannot be promised. (To be sure of a banquet ticket you must register for the convention even if you do not desire room reservation.)

**DO IT NOW!**

October . . . . ., 1945

Mrs. R. G. Larson  
Valparaiso University  
Valparaiso, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Larson: Please find enclosed \$. . . . . to cover registration fees for the following persons:

Please reserve . . . . . rooms (single, double) with or without bath at Hotel Lembke or . . . . . Tourist Home to accommodate . . . . . persons from October . . . . . to October . . . . .

Roommates?

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Are you driving?

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(If you find you cannot attend, please cancel all reservations and registrations at once. The hotel holds us responsible for uncalled for reservations.)